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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER TAQLA'S ABSENCE FROM ARAB LEAGUE
FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING APRIL 21.

1. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME THIS MORNING (APRIL 18) THAT DUE TO
LEBANESE POLITICAL AND SECURITY SITUATION HE HAS
RELUCTANTLY DECIDED THAT HE CANNOT REPEAT NOT ATTEND
ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING APRIL 21.
IN VIEW OF THE KEY ROLE TAQLA PLAYED IN ACHIEVING
LOCAL CEASEFIRE AND ITS TENUOUS NATURE, I CONSIDER
THIS A WISE DECISION.

2. LEBANON WILL BE REPRESENTED BY ITS RESIDENT AMBASSADOR
IN CAIRO AND AN OFFICER FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE.
I SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED UNRWA AND MENTIONED TO
TAQLA MAHMUD RIAD'S CONVERSATION WITH SIR JOHN
RENNIE (BEIRUT 4897). TAQLA WAS UNAWARE OF THE
LATTER AND PROMISED TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO AIRO
TO CONSULT WITH MAHMUD RIAD AND JORDANIAN
DELEGATION REGARDING UNRWA. TAQLA REAFFIRMED
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HIS PREVIOUS POSITION, I.E. THAT THE GOL WOULD

SUPPORT RIAD'S POSITION RE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM
OTHER ARAB STATES TO UNRWA BUT WOULD NOT INITIATE
SUCH ACTION.
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